GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF ITEMS BY ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any action plan for increasing the export of items produced by various ordnance factories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to set up new ordnance factories;

(d) if so, the details thereof location-wise; and

(e) the time by which these factories are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 350 FOR 13.12.2001

Government have identified certain measures to enhance defence exports. These include:-

(i) Identification of potential products and countries, and drawing up tailor made marketing strategies for those;

(ii) Enabling Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) to quote competitive prices in response to export enquiries based on marginal costing principles if need be,

(iii) Participation in international exhibitions and organising defence exhibitions in India to develop contacts and generate familiarity with Indian Ordnance Factories products.

(iv) Intensification of inter-action with Defence Advisers/Attaches of Indian Embassies abroad.

(v) Incorporation of appropriate provisions for export of products based on Transfer of Technology (TOT) contracts to third countries wherever feasible.

Government have approved setting up of an Ordnance Factory at Rajgir in Nalanda District of Bihar for manufacture of Bi-Modular Charge System of Propellants for heavy calibre ammunition. It is proposed to be commissioned by December, 2005.